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## **IFT Task Force**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**To make recommendations to EMS Authority for the development and implementation of a safe integrated statewide medical transfer system. This system shall ensure that patients have timely access to, and provision of, an appropriate level of healthcare while preserving the integrity of the medical 9-1-1 system and the integration of public and private resources.**

**This system will require adequate funding and reimbursement to meet system needs.**

### **GOALS/OBJECTIVES**

#### **Ad Hoc Group 1** **Policy Development**

Goal 1.1. Create a Fact Sheet identifying current status
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Goal 1.2. Complete a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) Analysis on the global aspects of the interfacility transfer issue to include:
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Facility infrastructure
Funding
Staffing
On-call panel coverage
Hospital diversion/closures

#### **Ad Hoc Group 2** **Implementation/Operational**

*Note: Committee work to follow policy approval (Ad Hoc Group 1) from Task Force*

Goal 1. Establish definitions for the system:
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Interfacility Transfer
Critical Care Transfer

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Goal 4.	Identify use for interfacility transfer agreements
	Objective 4.1 Develop guidelines for transfer agreement language

### **Ad Hoc Group 3**

#### **Staffing/Competencies/Training**

Goal 1.	Identify the responsibilities/accountability of all participants in the system
	Objective 1.1 Develop transfer guidelines for medical appropriateness
	Objective 1.2 Define necessary capabilities of interfacility transfer providers
	Objective 1.3 Identify the minimum competencies of the providers for each level of care to include training and education needs
	Objective 1.4 Establish optimum staffing levels and resource allocation for each category of interfacility transfer
Goal 2.	Identify training/education needs of the system participants
	Objective 2.1 Establish guidelines for appropriate and timely communication for medical decision making in transfer processes
	Objective 2.2 Identify the medical control needs and requirements for each level of care provided
	Objective 2.3 Establish protocol guidelines for all levels of provider
Goal 3.	Establish guidelines for a Prehospital Performance Process for all levels of provider
	Objective 3.1 Establish system benchmarking

### **Task Force Project**

*To be developed from Ad Hoc Group 1 Current Status Fact Sheet and SWOT analysis and then given to Ad Hoc Group 3 for work on implementation/operational goals and objectives. Appropriate issues will be forwarded to Ad Hoc Group 2.*

Identify scope of problems
Identify short-term needs
Identify long-range goals
Develop a long-range plan to address the future needs of the population
Propose remedies to problems identified

All activities associated with the above goals and objectives will take the following universal goals and concepts into consideration:

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- Integration with other statewide systems (trauma, EMS for Children, 9-1-1, burns)
- Identify and involve decision makers and customers in the system development
- Support the needs of private and public sector health care providers.
- Work cooperatively with public and private payer sources re: reimbursement and funding
- Support the business needs of healthcare systems